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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Apartment fire on North Third Street in Bismarck.** An 18-unit apartment fire at the Norma in downtown Bismarck caused the evacuation of surrounding buildings along with \$500,000 of estimated damages to units on two floors. Ten residents were temporarily displaced while authorities worked to repair damages. Source:

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/bismarck/apartment-fire-on-north-third-street-in-bismarck/article\\_36a3eeb4-bd81-11e2-9880-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/bismarck/apartment-fire-on-north-third-street-in-bismarck/article_36a3eeb4-bd81-11e2-9880-0019bb2963f4.html)

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Man charged with bomb threats at Mall of America, MSP Airport.** A Maine man who made bomb threats April 12 at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America was charged May 14. Searches of the areas revealed no bombs present and authorities arrested the suspect inside the Mall of America after they traced the call. Source:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/news/2013/05/14/mall-of-america-msp-airport-bomb-threat.html>

## **NATIONAL**

**More bad weather expected after tornadoes wallop several states, killing 2. Shawnee, Oklahoma (CNN)** -- Tornadoes destroyed homes and tossed trees around like toothpicks as powerful storms ripped through Oklahoma and the Midwest on Sunday and Monday. Source:

[http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/20/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=us\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/20/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=us_c2)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**North Korea fires more projectiles into the sea off its east coast, South says. Seoul, South Korea (CNN)** -- North Korea on Monday fired more projectiles into the sea off its east coast, South Korean officials said, urging Pyongyang to refrain from "tension-creating acts." Source:

[http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/20/world/asia/north-korea-weapons/index.html?hpt=wo\\_c1](http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/20/world/asia/north-korea-weapons/index.html?hpt=wo_c1)

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**Privacy breach on Bloomberg's data terminals.** Bloomberg confirmed that reporters at its Bloomberg News division had had access to certain user information from customers using the company's financial data terminals service before a complaint prompted the access to be disabled. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/11/business/media/privacy-breach-on-bloombergs-data-terminals.html>

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

(Louisiana) **19 New Orleans shooting victims included 2 kids.** The FBI is investigating a May 12 shooting at a New Orleans second-line parade which left 19 people wounded in what investigators called a flare-up of street violence. Source:

<http://www.nbc29.com/story/22229137/nopd-12-hurt-at-new-orleans-parade-shooting>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**Optimus recalls portable electric heaters due to fire hazard.** Optimus recalled about 355,000 Portable Infrared Radiant Quartz Electric space heaters due to the design failing to prevent ignition of nearby combustible materials, posing a fire hazard. Source:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Optimus-Recalls-Portable-Electric-Heaters/>

**Chrysler recalls 469,000 SUVs over gearshift problem.** Chrysler announced the recall of 469,000 model year 2006-2010 Jeep Commander and 2005-2010 Grand Cherokee vehicles, 295,000 in the U.S., due to a software defect that inadvertently sends signals to the transmission to shift to neutral. Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/chrysler-recalls-469-000-suvs-over-gearshift-problem-1C9893923>

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

(Texas) **Texas Paramedic arrested for possession of 'Destructive Device'.** An Emergency Medical Services worker in West, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of a destructive device. Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/texas-first-responder-arrested-possession-150949165.html>

## **ENERGY**

(Idaho) **I.F. Police investigate copper theft.** Police are investigating a copper theft after Idaho Falls Power reported 144 feet of copper ground wire and about 80 brass connectors off a perimeter fence from the Milligan Substation and Sugar Mill Substation were stolen. Source: [http://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/article\\_5eb077ce-bcaf-11e2-8725-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/local/article_5eb077ce-bcaf-11e2-8725-001a4bcf887a.html)

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**(Massachusetts) Suspect arrested after bomb threat at Fall River gas station prompts evacuation.** A Fall River Hess service station robbery led to the shut down and evacuation of several streets and businesses after the suspect left behind a device he threatened was an explosive. The man was taken into custody and a bomb squad rendered the device safe after an examination. Source: <http://www.heraldnews.com/newsnow/x372820015/Bomb-threat-at-Fall-River-gas-station-prompts-evacuation-of-Pleasant-Street-area>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Listeria in onions, Salmonella in mangoes topped last year's reportable foods list.** According to a new report from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), onions recalled for potential Listeria contamination and mangoes recalled for the possible presence of Salmonella were the foods most commonly reported by manufacturers to the FDA between September 2011 and September of 2012. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/listeria-in-onions-salmonella-in-mangoes-top-reportable-foods-for-2012/#.UZN0-7Wkr44>

**Arsenic levels in chicken raise health concerns.** According to a study by researchers at John Hopkins University, levels of inorganic arsenic found in samples of chicken may be responsible for a very slight increase in cancer risk to consumers over their lifetimes. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/arsenic-levels-in-chicken-prompt-disputes/#.UZIk57Wkr44>

**CDC reports two multistate Salmonella outbreaks linked to live poultry.** According to two announcements from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two separate outbreaks linked to live baby poultry are sickening people across the country. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/two-multistate-salmonella-outbreaks-linked-to-live-poultry-expand/#.UZDSFbWkr44>

**FDA warns of Botulism risk from Juice maker's products.** Officials from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are warning consumers not to drink any carrot and beet juices from New York-based Juices Incorporated because their manufacturing processes do not adequately prevent its products from the growth of Clostridium botulinum. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/fda-warns-of-botulism-risk-from-juice-makers-products/#.UZDsp7Wkr44>

**(Florida) Disease threatens Florida citrus industry.** A bacterial disease known as citrus greening has infected 32 citrus-growing counties in Florida. Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/economicdevelopment/disease-threatens-florida-citrus-industry/2120337>

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## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Pennsylvania) W. Pa. man jailed in U.S. President, Secret Service threats.** A man that allegedly made multiple threats against the U.S. President and two U.S. Secret Service agents that investigated the threats was jailed until he can face federal charges. Source: [http://www.timesonline.com/news/state/w-pa-man-jailed-in-obama-secret-service-threats/article\\_c45e883d-2cee-59b7-835f-c45cd8830752.html](http://www.timesonline.com/news/state/w-pa-man-jailed-in-obama-secret-service-threats/article_c45e883d-2cee-59b7-835f-c45cd8830752.html)

**Cybercriminals behind DOL watering hole attack target USAID employees.** A security researcher found that the group behind watering hole attacks on the U.S. Department of Labor's Web site also compromised Twitter accounts in order to target employees of the U.S. Agency for International Development by posting malicious links. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Behind-DOL-Watering-Hole-Attack-Target-USAID-Employees-353138.shtml>

**(District of Columbia) West Wing of White House evacuated due to overheated transformer.** An electrical transformer malfunction in the West Wing of the White House created a smoke-like odor which set off fire alarms and prompted an evacuation May 11. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/west-wing-white-house-evacuated-due-overheated-transformer-133847231--abc-news-politics.html>

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Ransomware adds password stealing to its arsenal.** Microsoft researchers found a new variant of the Reveton malware that downloads a password-stealing component after it infects a victim's computer. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2497](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2497)

**PushDo malware resurfaces with DGA capabilities.** The PushDo trojan associated with the Cutwail botnet was found to now incorporate a domain generation algorithm (DGA) to avoid detection and increase resiliency. Source: <http://threatpost.com/pushdo-malware-resurfaces-with-dga-capabilities/>

**Researchers reveal OpUSA attackers' MO.** Trend Micro researchers analyzed attacks in the recent OpUSA campaign and found that attackers compromised some sites ahead of time with compromised URLs. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14918>

**IC3 2012 Internet Crime Report released.** The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) released the 2012 Internet Crime Report, which reported an average of more than 24,000 complaints received per month and that unverified losses rose 8.3 per cent, among other findings. Source: <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2013/130514.aspx>

**Google Android malware levels rocket as spam threat grows.** F-Secure released its Q1 2013 Threat Report, which found malware variants targeting mobile devices have risen by 49 per

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cent since 2012, among other findings. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2267736/google-android-malware-levels-rocket-as-spam-threats-grow>

**New Dorkbot worm spreads via Facebook chat, steals data from infected PCs.** A new variant of the information-stealing Dorkbot malware was identified by Bitdefender spreading through Facebook's chat function and through infected USB drives. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Dorkbot-Worm-Spreads-via-Facebook-Chat-Steals-Data-from-Infected-PCs-353253.shtml>

**Malicious browser extensions are hijacking Facebook accounts.** Microsoft warned that Facebook accounts are being hijacked via malicious extensions for the Firefox and Chrome Web browsers. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2490](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2490)

## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(Colorado) Forest Service considers beetle epidemic options.** A spruce beetle epidemic in Rio Grande National Forest has left at least 70 per cent of spruce trees dead or dying, posing threats from water runoff, fires, habitat degradation, and campground safety. Source: [http://www.alamosanews.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?heading=0&page=72&story\\_id=29778](http://www.alamosanews.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=72&story_id=29778)

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

**(Washington) Suspicious letters mailed to Spokane post office laced with Ricin.** Preliminary results indicated that two letters sent to a downtown Spokane Post Office were laced with ricin. The ricin was not in a form that could be ingested or inhaled. Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/news/207748981.html>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(Louisiana) LSU Health: Personal information of 8,300 patients unintentionally released.** A database error on Siemens Healthcare, of Malvern, Pennsylvania's computer led to the disclosure of personal health information of 8,330 Louisiana State University (LSU) Health patients. LSU Health notified patients May 15 of the contractor's slip and assured that no Social Security numbers or financial information was disclosed. Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/22265674/lsu-health-personal-information-of-8300-patients-unintentionally-released>

**(Indiana) Indiana University Health notifies patients of data breach.** Indiana University Health Arnett, Inc. notified 10,300 patients of a potential data breach when a laptop was taken from an employee's car in April which may have contained unencrypted personal information. The hospital is continuing to investigate but assured the public that no Social Security numbers or financial information was included on the device. Source: <http://healthitsecurity.com/2013/05/13/indiana-university-health-notifies-patients-of-data-breach/>

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(Tennessee) **Memphis Regional Medical Center reports health data breach.** The Regional Medical Center in Memphis notified roughly 1,200 patients of a potential data breach after they discovered that between October 2012 and March 2013 an employee accidentally sent three emails containing attachments with patients' personal information. The medical center is working with the company that received the emails and is continuing to investigate the incident. Source: <http://healthitsecurity.com/2013/05/13/memphis-regional-medical-center-reports-health-data-breach/>

**Subsidiary of Indian drug maker agrees to pay record \$500 million US penalty for impure drugs.** Ranbaxy USA Inc., a subsidiary of Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, agreed to pay a record \$500 million penalty fine for violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act after an investigation determined the generic drug company was selling adulterated drugs and lying to federal regulators. The company will resolve civil claims with all 50 States and the District of Columbia after pleading guilty to federal criminal charges. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/subsidiary-of-indian-drug-maker-agrees-to-pay-record-500-million-us-penalty-for-impure-drugs/2013/05/13/2d586104-bc33-11e2-b537-ab47f0325f7c\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/subsidiary-of-indian-drug-maker-agrees-to-pay-record-500-million-us-penalty-for-impure-drugs/2013/05/13/2d586104-bc33-11e2-b537-ab47f0325f7c_story.html)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

See *Regional* section, for related information.

### **WATER AND DAMS**

(New Mexico) **Copper thieves leave Llano Quemado utility in dark.** Copper thieves left the offices of the Valle de los Ranchos Water and Sanitation District with thousands of dollars' worth of copper and no power, causing estimated damages between \$7,000 and \$10,000, May 6-7. Source: [http://www.taosnews.com/news/article\\_15fec172-b8c0-11e2-84da-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.taosnews.com/news/article_15fec172-b8c0-11e2-84da-0019bb2963f4.html)

### **HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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